

## HARRIMAN LINES STAND ALONE

### Western Roads do not Join in Force Reduction.

#### Action Viewed as a Check to Prob- able Demands of Labor Unions.

The most general interpretation of the move of the Harriman lines in ordering force reduction, following the widely published statement of Julius Kruttschnitt relating to demands of shopmen, is that it has come as a check to the proposed labor demand for more pay and shorter hours. Further, the situation points to the Union Pacific acting alone in this matter other roads not as yet at least, having been included in the move to check these demands. It is expected however, that the roads of the Harriman group will later take the same action as the Union Pacific. On the Illinois Central and allied lines, members of ten unions affecting railroad employes have voted on a proposition to go out on a strike if certain demands by them are not conceded by that company. It is understood that a vote on a similar proposition has been taken among the shopmen of the Southern Pacific.

A New York dispatch under date of Tuesday said: Officials of the Rock Island, Northern Pacific and Atchison railroads indicated they will not adopt the Union Pacific method of retrenchment. An officer of the Rock Island said that his company was not laying off men and he saw no immediate cause why it should do so. It is generally believed here that the retrenchment policy will be extended to all lines of the Harriman system. According to statements of western railway officials traffic in that section is holding steadily, with the general merchandise movement the most sustaining factor.

In speaking of the Union Pacific's force reduction, the Chicago Record-Herald said: On the face of it, the statement credited to the general manager's office at Omaha that Union Pacific has lost money in the last ten months is ridiculous. It is likely that no such imaginative report ever emanated from the operating headquarters of the system. The answer to such information lies in the figures for the fiscal year ended June 30, which showed over 16 per cent earned on the \$216,577,700 common stock. It may be that the action of the Union Pacific is the initial gun in a general campaign of western roads to cut expenses. Also it may be meant to indicate to labor leaders that with reductions of working forces necessary the demand for higher wages cannot be considered.

Miss Lenora Cummings will entertain a number of young ladies tomorrow afternoon in honor of Miss Helen Doolittle at the home of Mrs. W. M. Cunningham.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

Miss Olive Watts has accepted a position in Dr. Kerr's office.

Christian Science Society Sunday 11:00 A. M. Subject "Christ Jesus" K. P. hall, Dewey Street.

Several young people from town attended a country dance at the Hallway farm last evening.

For rent—Furnished rooms suitable for young people attending school. 500 E. 4th St.

G. E. Cumpston, late of Sterling, has opened a lunch room in the Offenstein building on East Sixth street.

Miss Ellen Weish has resigned her position as "hello girl" and taken one as cashier in Greeson's grocery.

Miss Fern Garrison came home yesterday from Kansas City where she spent the past month. She has accepted a position with the Maloney-Lintz Millinery.

"Sunny Brook" was arrested a few days ago for shooting craps but the evidence was not sufficient to commit him and he was discharged by Judge Warren.

Mary A. Bonham, of Sutherland, was granted a divorce in the District Court from Jas. Bonham yesterday on the grounds of cruelty and given the custody of two minor children.

For rent—two furnished rooms. Only three blocks from Dewey St. W. F. Clough, 500 E. 4th st.

Deputy F. Knapp received a message yesterday to be on the look out for Nick Angelus, a Greek laborer, of Roscoe, who shot and killed a fellow Wednesday, in a fight, and then skipped town. It was thought that he came this way and the officers along the line were notified.

The case of Henry Lafferty and wife vs David Long and wife for the possession of their five year old son, Floyd Lafferty was decided Wednesday in the defendants' favor as they took the child when an infant and raised it, being the great grandparents of said boy and the evidence showed that it should be left in their care.

Dr. A. J. Ames, North Platte, gives the Three Day Liquor Cure. Cure guaranteed. Price right. Reference given.

A farewell reception to Mr. and Mrs. George Alloway was held at the Ogier home Wednesday evening by the Ladies Auxiliary of the B. of L. F. and E. and their husbands. In a penny contest Mrs. Joseph Roddy won first honors and Frank Doran the booby prize. Mrs. Alloway was presented with a beautiful gift. A fine spread was served in the dining room at midnight.

Mrs. Charles Austin entertained the Indian Card club Wednesday afternoon. The royal prize, a silver fork, was won by Miss Nell Hartman and the consolation emblem awarded to Mrs. E. F. Seeberger. Guests of the club were Mesdames Fred Hartman, of Washington, Mary Layton, of Ocoela, Iowa, and Miss Reedy, of Decatur, Ill. Assisting the hostess were Mesdames Weir, Clabaugh and Field.

## WILL ASCERTAIN WATER CONDITIONS

### State and Government to Join in the Survey.

#### Policy of Government is to Recognize Existing Rather than Future Ditches.

Through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce Engineer Weiss, chief in charge of the Pathfinder government dam, spent yesterday in the city and in the afternoon held a conference with a number of local men interested in our irrigation ditches. The object of Mr. Weiss's visit was to ascertain in a general way the water conditions in this section, the extent of the ditches and the area of irrigable land, and this he learned through the gentlemen whom he met, the latter including Senator Hoagland, J. C. Wilson, Chas. McDonald, E. F. Seeberger, J. G. Beeler and John Bratt.

Mr. Weiss announced that the Nebraska state board of irrigation, in conjunction with the government, will send a party of engineers here who will ascertain in detail the carrying capacity of the Lincoln county ditches and the acreage of irrigable land under the ditches, this being ascertained in order that these ditches may in the future receive the full quantity of water needed for the irrigation of land under them; that is, at least a sufficient quantity of water to supply these ditches will be allowed to flow down the river during the irrigation season.

The policy of the government as it relates to storage water in the Pathfinder dam, will be to allow all existing ditches the natural flow of the river according to priority rather than to anticipate the needs of ditches yet to be built. This policy is espoused by Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, E. H. Newell, chief of the reclamation service, and by Engineer Weiss. With this policy in force water will practically be guaranteed Lincoln county ditches, notwithstanding Wyoming parties are using efforts to secure the construction of a government ditch into what is known as the Goshen Hole section where it is said 200,000 acres are susceptible to irrigation. Should this canal be built, it would necessarily create a big demand from the Pathfinder dam, and if the right of priority was not recognized in existing ditches, these latter ditches would be short of water were the Goshen Hole project built. The policy of the government to recognize existing ditches ahead of those contemplated will be well received by the people of the Platte valley.

Trading in Union Pacific common stock was again active yesterday, 148,000 shares being sold. The price dropped two points. People along the line of the road are rather curious to know why this trading, but if we are a little patient we shall know before long. Certainly "the hen is on" but what will be hatched?

One fare for the round trip is the special state fair rate announced by the Union Pacific. The rate applies to all stations in Nebraska and all trains doing intrastate passenger business. By announcing the 1 cent-a-mile rate for the round trip, the Union Pacific cuts under the other roads of the state for the third successive time.

Weather Forecast: Fair tonight and Saturday, warmer tonight. Maximum temperature yesterday 68; one year ago 71, Minimum temperature this morning 41; one year ago 36, this the lowest temperature ever recorded at the local weather bureau for the month of August.

Omaha Bee Booklovers Contest No. 2, started August 16, 1911. New catalogue No. 2, 25 cents at C. M. Newton's. Daily and Sunday Bee by mail 10 cents per week. Daily and Sunday Bee by carrier 15 cents per week.

Pasture For Horses—Close in—Vernon Tract. W. L. Crissman, office with R. B. Reid, over postoffice.

Rev. and Mrs. Geo. F. Williams and children returned last night from their visit at Blair. Mrs. Williams and children had been there for nearly three months and she returned feeling much improved in health.

A meeting will be held at Gothenburg Monday for the purpose of building a new road between that place and Brady. Col. Bill Beatty has offered to donate \$100 toward building the road. The Union Pacific has been asked to donate the right away.

The picnic held by the Episcopal congregation at Dick's grove yesterday was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Various games and out door sports made up a pleasant afternoon and the lunch was an elegant one.

Mrs. Lester Walker was taken to the P. & S. hospital Wednesday for treatment.

## Personal Mention.

Miss Orra Hall returned yesterday from Elyria.

Diek Baker came home from Cheyenne this morning.

Louis Heuschneider and J. J. Horri-gan will leave for Omaha tonight.

Miss Pearl Koontz left yesterday at noon for Kearney to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hawley will leave next week for a visit in Chicago.

Miss Syble Tatum will leave Monday for California to spend several weeks.

C. O. Jenista and Theodore White leave tonight for Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Harlen Kerr returned to Maxwell yesterday after spending several days here.

Mrs. James Snyder came home today from Cheyenne where she spent a week.

Mrs. Carl Simons is enjoying a visit from her brother George Young of Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Perkins went to Cheyenne last evening to remain until Monday.

Miss Mary Carroll, of Wisner, Neb., came last evening to visit Mrs. Joseph Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Jacobs will leave shortly for South Omaha to reside in the future.

Mrs. Sara Lister left yesterday for Denver to spend the rest of the week with friends.

Miss Ruth Boyden, of Grand Island, will arrive tomorrow to visit Miss Ruth Streitz.

Mrs. Wood White returned last evening from Grand Island where she visited relatives.

Mrs. Fred Loudon and baby returned yesterday afternoon from a short visit in Gothenburg.

Mrs. Moore Mitchell was among those who left for Cheyenne yesterday to attend Frontier.

Rev. Albert Chamberlain, of Ogalalla, was called here yesterday by the illness of his daughter.

Mesdames James Dorrans and Ed-Speck left for Cheyenne last evening to spend a few days.

Walter Koeken returned today from Colorado where he spent a month in different places of interest.

Frederick Karlson, son and daughter of Gothenburg, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Baker.

Mrs. J. A. Pipher and daughter, of Lincoln, visited the former's nephew Glen Larimer while enroute west.

Mother Vincent Ferrier, of Hastings, is spending this week with the Dominican Sisters at St. Patrick's convent.

E. R. Shultz, principle of the local schools, arrived today from Bloomington, Ill., where he spent the summer.

Tim Kellher, of Chicago, who has been visiting his children left Wednesday night for Cheyenne to spend a week.

Mrs. Fred Owings will return home Sunday from Cheyenne where she spent a week while enroute home from Laramie.

Sister Mary Helen returned to this city Wednesday evening and will resume work as instructress in St. Patrick's convent.

Mrs. John Burns and daughter Ada are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Streitz, having arrived yesterday. Mfs. Burns formerly resided here, but of late has lived in Creston, Iowa.

## The Opportunities offered at home usually are safest

for young people starting out in life because you are dealing with facts and people you know. Of course these opportunities don't come to you with the blare of trumpets, because such procedure would deceive you in things you know about, but the opportunities are here just the same. One of the safest and biggest profit saving investments any young couple could make today would be a home. Money spent that way in fixed values can always be realized, and the comfort and happiness derived therefrom cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Better decide today to anchor here and join the ranks of the home builders and tomorrow your chest will measure six inches larger—the possession of a home works wonders—try it. Our stock of lumber is complete and we want to talk it over with you.

**W. W. BIRGE,**  
PHONE 9.



You might think that there is little to choose between varieties of vinegar, spices and mustards. But there is—and it will surprise you to know that more difference exists between them than amongst grades of meat and brands of flour. So, just as you pick out the best in meat and flour, you should get the very finest in spices and vinegars. All the flavor and pleasure of eating may depend on that choice. It will make the difference between a good meal and a bad one. Come in and let us advise you. We carry the most varied and best selected stock in town.

## Rush Mercantile Company.

## GREEK KILLS GREEK AT ROSCOE SIDING

### Dispute Ends in Death by a Bullet from Revolver.

#### Murderer Makes Escape by Sprinting and Hiding in Towheads

The working force on the Union Pacific was reduced by one Wednesday evening without official notice when two Greeks employed on double track work at Roscoe became involved in a quarrel which terminated in one whipping out a revolver and filling the other with lead. Death was almost instantaneous. After firing the shot, the murderer took to his heels and ran into the towheads on the islands in the South Platte river, where he so secreted himself that the parties in search failed to find him. The supposition is that when night came on the murderer made his exit from his hiding place. The authorities of Keith county were notified and an inquest held, a verdict of cold blooded murder being rendered. Efforts are being made to locate the murderer, but as nearly all Greeks look alike, it will probably be difficult for searching officers to recognize him. This is the fifth murder committed by Greeks in western Nebraska within the past three years, or since work on the U. P. double track west of Kearney began, and in each instance the victim was one of that nationality.

Mrs. W. T. Berry left today for Cheyenne to spend several days.

Work on the new double track from Paxton to Roscoe began today.

Mrs. Rector entertained the Baptist aid society yesterday afternoon.

Engineer Ford shipped his household goods to Denver this morning.

Mrs. Cotterell, of Lead, So. D., who has been visiting her son Roy, left today.

H. E. Crandell, advance man for "Told in the Hills," on August 30, is in town today.

Mrs. Thomas Ryan and Miss Vera Schramm left last night for a visit with relatives in Victor, Colo., and Denver.

Mrs. Ed. Fisher and daughter Miss Celia Quirk, of Green River, left Wednesday evening for Grand Island and Omaha where they will visit for a few days. Mrs. Fisher returning here and Miss Quirk going to Monticello, Iowa.

Public worship at the Presbyterian church at 10:30 a. m. next Sunday. The pastor and family are at home after a vacation. Sunday school at noon. Further announcement will be made later relative to resuming evening service.

Judge Grimes went to Kearney yesterday and rendered a decision in the case of the Kearney Water Co. against various irrigation companies in Lincoln and Dawson counties, deciding in favor of the Kearney company and establishing its right as the earliest appropriator of water from the North Platte river.

Lockets of advance patterns just received. DIXON, THE JEWELER.

The school levy for 1912 in the North Platte district will be thirty-nine mills, the city levy twenty-five mills, the county fourteen mills and the state six mills, or a total of eight-four mills. This is a pretty stiff levy, but seems to be necessary.

Judge H. M. Grimes left yesterday for Lexington on business.

For Rent—Three unfurnished rooms 123 West 8th St.

Mrs. Albert Muldoon has returned from a three weeks visit with relatives in Iowa.

Engineer Frank Bamel was reinstated this week after being out of service for six months.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Donaldson this week are his mother, Mrs. John Donaldson of Farnam, and sister Myrtle of Chicago.

Diamonds are a good investment. Our stock is very complete.

DIXON, THE JEWELER.

Irvin and Milton Fisher, who jumped from a moving train at Hershey Saturday night and were severely bruised, are about ready to resume work the farm.

Lula Grace Abernathy has filed a petition for divorce from John T. Abernathy for cruelty. They were married here Sept. 6th, 1902. The plaintiff also asks the custody of the two children.

Joseph Hershey left yesterday for Millersville, Pa., to attend the one hundredth anniversary of his mother's birth. This aged lady is said to be in very fair health. The occasion will be one for the gathering of the Hershey family, which is one of the most numerous and wealthy in that section.

For Sale—Milk, cream and spring chickens, delivered. Phone D75.

Hunters who have been out "investigating" the prairie chicken crop, say the outlook is fairly promising. In a few instances birds have been killed to ascertain if they are in good flesh, and they have been found to be fat. Of course, so far, none of the birds have been killed for eating purposes—the boys wouldn't violate the law unnecessarily for all the chickens in western Nebraska.

## CRYSTAL THEATRE

## To-Night and Saturday.

### MOVING PICTURES:

The Peace Offering  
Sacrifice to Civilization,  
The Shelling of the San  
Marcos.

### VAUDEVILLE.

Lawrence Sisters, "Rah Rah  
Girls."

10 and 15 Cents.

## To-day the Curtain goes up

on the greatest men's fashion  
show of all the year---the Annual  
Fall Opening of

rare woolen fabrics from The Royal  
Tailors of Chicago and New York.

Here you will find the newest  
weaves, designs and colorings in all  
the woolen world--full half a thousand  
of them--guaranteed all pure wool--  
ready for your unbridled choice and  
selection.

If you want a distinctive Fall Suit  
or Overcoat--built to your order at a  
popular price--you can't afford to  
miss a visit to this store.

## WILCOX DEPARTMENT STORE.